

THE TRUE  
State, Case, and Condition  
O F  
Sir Robert Walfh,  
Knight and Ba<sup>TT</sup>.

Who hath always with LOYALTY  
Served Their Most

Sacred Majesties

Of Blessed Memory,

Ever since His Grace the DUKE of  
*Buckingham* went to the Isle of REE,  
until this day ; and by God's Grace,  
will continue until he Dye.

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SIR ROBERT WALSH, Baronet by Descent, did afterwards receive the Honour of Knight-hood by the Royal Hand of KING CHARLES the First, of ever Blessed Memory, at the Battle of *Edgehill*, under his Royal Banner, for his acceptable Services rendred at the said Battle, as is Attested by the Sign *Manuel* of his said Sacred Majesty, so Enrol'd in the Heralds at

Armes Office, as is this day Extant; and the like in *Oxon*, in the Year 1643.

Now, as to the upholding of his ever constant Loyalty, Duty, and Allegiance, he thinks it not unfit to Publish this following *Declaration*, which may serve for to Justifie against the Malitious and Private hidden Whispers of some Envious and Base Detracters, who have thereby endeavoured the shadding their Infamy, by the Traduce of their false Inventions, in the Derogate of Sir Robert's truly gain'd Honour by his Sword, &c. And not for Vain Glory, doth he set forth this Ensuing *Manifesto*, as in giving this Narration of the particular Actions of his Life; there being indeed none of his Enemies so hardy, as to dare to Affront him Face to Face with any Scandal. Nor indeed is this *Declaration* any more than demonstrative Truths, which at all times Sir Robert is,

and will be ready to make good in any Courts of *Military, Civil, or Common Laws*, to the face of the whole World. Nor is this the first Challenge he hath made and set forth in Print, for the Boldest of his Enemies to appear in the least Syllable, that could touch his Honour, or his Loyalty; and this set forth in the Year 1679, Sir Robert's Name then Signed thereunto, as the following *Manifesto* doth and shall ever Justifie; which some in the said Year 1679, durst not have said.

Several Noble and Worthy Generals, and Noble Persons, to whom Sir Robert, in the days of Action, had the happiness of being known unto, and who at all times would have been ready to have done him Right, now are he hopes in a better World: Nevertheless, Sir Robert is not wholly deprived of Friends and Proofs as yet, to manifest Sir Robert's unshaken Loyalty and Integrity, as plainly doth appear in the following *Manifesto*; which plainly may give a contradiction to the detractors of private Lying Whispers, in the Derogate from Sir Robert's, as to his claim of Justice; still reserving all Duty and Loyalty to the Royal Blood, His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and all truly Loyal Noble Subjects: And as Sir Robert doth wholly put his Trust in his now Benign and Sacred Majesty's Great Love to Justice and Goodness, he assumes this (he hopes Pardonable) Presumption, to lay himself and Services at his Royal Feet. Signed by Me this Instant Septemb. 1686.

Robert Walsb.

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**I**N the Time of the last *Civil War* in France, his Most Christian Majesty being Opposed, and kept from Enterance into Paris, by those then Named *Froudeurs*, Confratering with those as are or may be termed *Whiggs*; The Prince of Conde, as General of the *Froudeurs*, had in those days in his Army, and under his Command, the Duke of *Lorrain*, sent by the Duke Leopold, then Governour of *Flanders*, with the Command of 10000. Men, to assist and serve under the Prince of Conde, against his *Christian Majesty*.

The *Civil War* then continuing, the Prince of Conde lay with his Army higher than *Challentone*, on that side the River of *Cean*, at  
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*Ville Neuve St. George*; and Monsieur *d' Turene*, Commanding his *Christian Majesty's* Army, lay on the other side of the River, opposite to the Prince of *Condy's* Army.

The *War* then continuing, the Duke of *Lorrain* was by the best of Men, then Perswaded and Gained to become of Understanding with his *Most Christian Majesty*, which (without doubt) was not to the dis-interest of his *Most Christian Majesty*.

At this Time the concern was not so secretly Ordered, but that it came to the Prince of *Conde's* Understanding, Hearing, and Discovery; at which he was not a little Moved, but also highly Displeased, especially he knowing by whose Means the Duke of *Lorrain* came so to be Gained.

In those days Cardinal *Mazarine*, and the Usurper *Cromwell*, (as supposed) were of a middle Understanding; and of the other side, the Prince of *Conde*, as was likewise supposed, did not Judge it his dis-interest to Oblige, in what he could, the said Usurper *Cromwell*.

Now, as to the Point or Matter; Sir *Robert Walsh* having served his *Most Christian Majesty* as Colonel of a Regiment, raised at Sir *Robert's* own Cost and Charge in *Ireland*, and thence into *France*. Sir *Robert* in *Ireland* capitulated with Monsieur *D' Monerie*, then Agent there, Imploy'd and Instructed in the behalf and concern of his *Most Christian Majesty*, as the Capitulation is this day Extant: That Sir *Robert* should receive at his Landing, with his Regiment in *France*, 500 Pistols, as a present from his Eminence, the Cardinal *Mazarine*. That Sir *Robert*, as Colonel, should immediately have settled upon him, by his *Christian Majesty*, 2000 Crowns yearly as a Pension; and that Sir *Robert* should also receive (as his Levy-Mony) for each Souldier, 30 Crowns.

Sir *Robert* Landed his Men, (he being at the Cost and Charges, of Levying, Victualling and Shipping of his said Regiment) at *Haver d' Grace* in *Normandy*, 1648; having so Landed his Men, Commisaries were sent by his *Christian Majesty's* Order, to Receive and Muster the said Men, but no Commissioners or Commisaries sent to Pay him, according to the aforesaid Capitulation. Sir *Robert* never had or received but Ten Crowns for each Man; and of the 500 Pistols, *Nihil*; and as little of the 2000 Crowns Pension. Yet was long fed with Protestations, fair Words and Promises, but



to no Effect; so that at long run, Sir *Robert* desired his Pass and Dismiss from his *Christian Majesty* and Court, which he had; and thereupon made his Address to the Prince of *Conde*, having the Honour of being known to his Highness, when he was in his *Most Christian Majesty's* Service.

The Prince *D' Conde* seeing his Pass from his *Most Christian Majesty*, his Highness very civilly and kindly said, he would receive him, and give him Employment in his Army: Soon after he gives him Order to take a Party of Horse, *French* or *Dutch*, as he pleased, and that he should go into the Kings Quarters, and make what Booty he could Light upon, to get himself into an Equipage; he having got a Party of Horse, came to Kiss his Highnesses hand, and to receive his further Orders or Commands.

His Highness then knowing by whose means and perswasions the Duke of *Lorraine* came to be of Understanding with his *Most Christian Majesty*, his Highness said thus; *If you should bring me your King, (I knowing you are Banished from his Court) I would make him your Friend; and consequently, your Fortune.*

■ Sure his Highness could not well think, that Sir *Robert* could effect his Order. But away he Marched towards *Chalentone*, Colonel *D'Citmitteir* there commanding the Passage, who was his Highness's Friend, and so I passed over my Party of Horse, some by Boat, and some by Swimming, and lost but three. Falling before day in Monsieur *D' Turenne's* Out-Quarters, I took two Captains of *Piccardy's* Regiment, and about 20 or 30 Prisoners, which I sent to the Prince of *Conde*, to let him see that I minded his Service, before I got my self into an Equipage: From thence I Marched for *Pointoys*, in order to Beat up their Quarters there; and on my Return, *Paris* being free for me, I drew up my Party on the top of the Hill of *St. Cloves*, sending in for Provision to refresh my Party, having been most of the time of 48 hours on Horse-back. In the Interim, I seeing a Coach drawn by Six Horses, and it being in the King's Quarters, I hitherto having made no Booty, I sent a Party of 30 or 40 Horse, and a Lieutenant, to Command them to bring me the said Coach, with Reserve to none, unless it should prove to be the King of Great *Britain*, or any of his Retinue; and if so, not to give the Coach any Interruption, but to send me immediate Notice.



At this time I was Ordered and Commanded from my King's Court, for a difference which was then betwixt his Highness Prince Rupert, and a Lord of his Majesty's Council in the *Hague*.

Yet, as Fate would have it, whose Coach should this be but his Majesties of Great Britain, and his Majesty and two or three more in it: One comes up, and seeing me, cries out, O! Sir Robert, *I find this is the Princes Party, you being here?* Yes, quoth I. Then he cried out lamentably, That the Kings Coach was seized upon; adding, *You know, Sir Robert, that the Prince of Conde doth understand by whom the Duke of Lorraine was gained and perswaded; and if our King should be now carried to the Prince of Conde, What a Present might he make to Cromwell? Who, for the sake of the Present, would send the Prince Men enough to maintain the Pretentions.* Continuing in great Impatience; O, Sir Robert! *Who Commands the Party? Let me speak with him; for, if the King should be carried to the Prince of Conde, it would prove of very ill consequence.* Whereupon, I sent him immediately to withdraw the Party; saying to him, *Give my Duty to my King, and Inform his Majesty, That it is the greatest Deliverance his Majesty hath met withal since he came out of his own Kingdom, that a Subject of his Commands this Party; and one, who prefers his Loyalty and Allegiance before his Interest; and assure his Majesty, That I will follow his Coach Musket-Shot-off, fearing that any other Party of the Princes might light of the same Opportunity; who would not be less Observant to the Princes Orders, than I am to my Loyalty: And how I may Answer this to the Prince, I know not, by reason I have four or five hundred Men in my Party; and it is much to be feared, one or other of them will Inform the Prince as to what happened.*

God giving me his Providence to Believe, that some of the Party might Inform the Prince, that I had my King's Coach so seized on; I coming near the Princes Quarters, drew up my Party; and did order, That none should stir out of his Rank, until they should receive my Order; by which means I so secured them, that none should see the Prince, until I had given his Highness an Account.

I coming to the Prince, he began to thank me for the Prisoners I sent him: At the same instant I fell into a pretended *Apoplex*, representing how I was fateigu'd and weakened; having been for the most part of 48 hours on Horse-back; desiring leave of his

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Highness, that I might go to my Quarters for refreshment, after which, to return and give his Highness an Account; unto which his Highness consented, and sent two of his own Servants to Conduct me to my Quarters; I being Arrived there, gave them thanks, and so dismiss them: After which, I changed Cloaths with my Groom, and made my escape, without taking leave of the Prince.

I hope all *Loyalists* will allow, that I was not slack in the Demonstration of my Duty, Loyalty, and Allegiance. In the time of the late Plot, I gave this Paper into the Hands of his late Majesty of ever Blessed Memory; I only saying then to his Majesty, *Though then he had many Evidences, King Charles the Second was my Evidence, who never denied me any thing, nor never refused any thing I humbly presented to his Sacred Hands.*

What is to follow, though it be large and tedious, yet I find my Condition doth oblige me to the Demonstration thereof; which, I hope, all *Loyalists* and just Readers will fairly Paliate.

**I**N the Year of his late Majesty's (of ever Blessed Memory) happy Restauration into his Kingdoms, His Majesty being in *London*, Sir Robert Walsh having his Quarters, and being at *Berge St. Venox*, near *Dunkirk*; at the same time the Marquess *D'Gudence* was Employed by his *Christian Majesty* for *Dunkirk*, to see and try if he could gain the corruption of any of the *English* Officers, then under the Lord *Lockart*, to betray the Town into the *French* hands; who, with large Promises of Rewards, did gain some under Officers to be concurrant to the Marquess *D'Gudence* his desires: The said Marquess *D'Gudence* coming unto *Berge St. Venox*, he and I came acquainted, and with such great Intimacy, that he asked me, if a good Sum of Pistols could invite me to share in a Project? I desired the Marquess to tell me, or to let me understand wherein; the Marquess told me he would, so soon as he could be secret therein, I encouraged the Marquess into a Belief that I would be secret: The Marquess tells me as thus; *I see by your not waiting on his Majesty of Great Britain, now at his entrance into his Kingdom, That either you are not in His Majesties Favour, or that you have some Enemies near His Majesty; and if it be as I say, I presume, that I may with the more safety declare, and open my Mind unto you, upon your Promise of keeping it*  
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*Private*: Unto which Sir Robert seemed consenting, *Why then* (quoth the Marquess) 'tis this; *As I know you cannot but well understand the Nature and Disposition of the English Nation, I gladly would have your Sense, Conduct, and Advice in the Concern; for which I will secure you to receive 5000 Lewis's Dor: The Matter is this; I have Intelligence with Collonel Allsop, and other Officers in Dunkirk, who do Undertake and Promise to render Dunkirk into his Christian Majesties hands, my King and Master, who now hath Employed me in this Matter.* I giving Ear unto the Marquess his Discourse, did not seem Refractory to his Desires or Proposals; And my Loyalty, was, is, and ever shall be Fair and True unto my Anointed Sovereigns, the Kings of great Britain, &c.

At that Time, Mr. *Henry Howard* (the late Duke of Norfolk) being in *Flanders*, and in great Consolation for the Death of his most Vertuous good Lady, the Marquess of *Worcester's* Daughter, and I having then much of Mr. *Henry Howards* Love, Ear, and Favour, did Communicate all to him that did pass between the said Marquess D' *Gudence* and me relating unto the Affairs of *Dunkirk*; saying, *I was resolved to send unto my King the particular Relations thereunto*; which he presently ordered that I should so do; *Nay more* (saith he) *I will draw up a Letter, which you may send to the King; which, I dare say, he will harken unto kindly; and more, I will direct you into whose hands you must Address it, to be conveyed into his Majesties hand; which shall be, by the Good and most Vertuous Lady Abbess of Gaunt*: The good Lady is still living, and doth know the Truth hereof, and owns it, (this being in the first Year of His Majesties Arrival into *England*.) The Lady Abbess gave the Letter into His Majesties Hand, (she then being in *London*) who received it very kindly.



The Copy of Sir Robert Walsh's Letter unto His Majesty of ever Blessed Memory ; in which, what then he Intimated, preserved *Dunkirk* from being Betray'd to the *French*.

May it Please your Majesty,

**A**S I have ever possessed a Heart true and faithful unto your Majesty's Person and Interest, how unhappy so ever I might have been, in being otherways represented by those which are not my Friends, nor perhaps their own, more than for the present: Tet the Natural Duty of a Subject to his Prince, has, and ever shall be so Sacred to Me, that no Misfortune whatsoever shall have power to weary me in the search after it; and in order thereunto, by the sole Providence (as I think) of God Almighty, which signally doth attend your Majesty, I freshly meet with an Important Overture, fit first (alone) to be Communicated to your Majesty; which, at present, summons me to take the boldness thus to make my humble Address in the offer, to discover a dangerous Design intended towards the Subversion of your Majesty's Estate, Wellfare, and Government.

And Sire, To let your Majesty see the Impossibilities, that is, as to any Diminution of my Loyalty, as well as to discharge that Innate Duty, which (with the loss of my best Blood) has formerly, in your Sacred Majesty's, and Blessed Father's Cause, born Testimony for me. I shall be ready, upon your Summons, to Communicate That unto you which no other than my self (I am confident) will: To manifest, and make good this my Assertion, under my hand; in which, if I fail (your Majesty being the sole Judge) I do hereby Condemn my self, and shall Begg from your Majesty, a Banishment from all your Royal Favours. And, Sire, Though my first Thought, on the coming of this Information within my knowledge (prompt by my Zeal and Duty to your Majesty) was, without further Prologue, to have hasted over; yet, it doth not (in so Great and Important a Concern) Choke my Integrity, Reality, or Duty. It's your Majesties Will and Pleasure, that shall herein give the Law to my Endeavours or Undertakings, as being, most Gracious Sire,

From Berge St. Venox  
near *Dunkirk*, 1661.

Your Majesties Loyal, Faithful  
and most Obedient Subject

Robert Walsh



His Deceased Majesty of ever Blessed Memory, Writ every word in his own Hand, to Sir *Robert*, immediately to come over to *England*; and that he should be welcome to his loving Friend, *Charles R.* (at the Bottom.) Unto which Sir *Robert* gave immediate Obedience: His Majesty commanding all his Officers in Garrisons or else-where, that he should pass freely.

Some Time after,

The Lord *Rutterford* (then being Governour of *Dunkirk*) a little before, received an Order from a person in Power, (in those days) that if Sir *Robert* should come into *Dunkirk*, or the Liberties thereof, to make him Prisoner; the Lord *Rutterford* and Sir *Robert* having served together in his *Christian Majesties* Service, and being intimate Friends, the Lord *Rutterford* sent to Sir *Robert* to his Quarters near *Berge St. Venox*, to let him me know what Charge and Order he had received from *England* to make him Prisoner, did he appear in those Parts or Quarters.

Yet notwithstanding, in three or four days after Sir *Robert* had the said Advertisement from the Lord *Rutterford*, he came by Water from *Berge St. Venox* to the Key of *Dunkirk*, and there Landed; at the same Instant, the Lord *Rutterford* was at Sir *Robert's* Landing upon *Dunkirk* Key, and with him the Right Honourable the Lord *Sunderland*, now here: The Lord *Rutterford* seeing Sir *Robert* Landed, came to him, saying, *Gods Bred Man, you have undone your self and me, if I make you not my Prisoner, which I must now do*: He lashing out two or three great Words or Oaths thereunto relating: Sir *Robert* was Patient, saying to the Lord *Rutterford*, *That he would not Swear so many Oaths willingly, especially where the power of Performance would not appear*: His Lordship did reply, as if I Rallied; to which I in short told the Lord *Rutterford*, *That he neither should or could make me his Prisoner, though his Garrison was twice as strong as it was*: And thereupon I drew out His Majesties Letter, as aforesaid; to which his Lordship Swore I was in the right, and so I passed from *Dunkirk* to *London*; and was very Gratioussly received by his Sacred Majesty, who ordered me (after declaring the former circumstances relating to the concern of *Dunkirk*) to go to Sir *Henry Bennet*, then Secretary, and declare all unto him, which I so did; and he gave such immediate Order, as then prevented the Betraying of *Dunkirk*.

A little time after this, who should appear here at Court, but the aforeſaid Marqueſs *D' Gudence*, ſent by his *Chriſtian Maſteſty* with a Congratulatory Complement to his moſt *Excellent Maſteſty*; who was very Richly ſet forth with Ribbons *Alamode*; and none more frequent at Balls, and other Divertiſements, than the Marqueſs *D' Gudence*. I ſeeing him, immediately waited on his Maſteſty, to let his Maſteſty know that was the Marqueſs, of whoſe Tranſactions I did explain unto his moſt *Excellent Maſteſty*; of which (as I do preſume) the Marqueſs having ſome light, he ſoon betook himſelf for his own Country; and in the time of his abroad here, he uſed the utmoſt of his endeavour to tamper with ſome of *Dunkirk* Officers. So, hoping that no Marqueſs, Envoy, or other Perſon, will be ever prevalent, to perſwade any of his Maſteſties Subjects from their Duty and Allegiance; I conclude the Relation of *Dunkirk*.

The late Earl of *Arlington*, was very conſiderate of the effectual Duty therein rendred by Me; and his Maſteſty was pleaſed to ſend me by *Edward Progers*, Eſquire, one of his Maſteſties Bed-Chamber, who is now living, 100. pounds.

Much about the ſame time, the Right Honourable the late Deceas'd Earl of Saint *Albans*, conſidering Sir *Robert Walſh's* hard Condition, who was then her Maſteſty's Queen *Mary* (of ever Bleſſed Memory) her Sworn Servant; and his Lordſhip willing to Succour and Relieve Sir *Robert*, he well knowing, that his Noble Father was affectionately, on all occaſions, his Well-wiſher and Friend; ſent his Servant with an-hundred Pounds to him, and to tell him, he Lent him that, conſidering his Neceſſitated condition; and he was to pay the ſame, when it ſhould pleaſe God to enable him thereunto.

• One *William Roſs*, who was Related (as he ſaid) to the late Earl of *St. Albans*, ſome years after coming into *Ireland*, he produced an Order, as he ſaid, from the Earl of *St. Albans*, for Sir *Robert* to pay the 100. pounds to *William Roſs*; whereupon Sir *Robert* paid the ſaid 100 *l.* to *Roſs*, and took his Receipt. The Noble Lord of *St. Albans* ſent the ſaid 100 *l.* unſought for by Sir *Robert*, out of his Pious Conſideration. This is the Naked Truth, upon the Word and Honour of a Gentleman.

*Theſe Two Out-landiſh Teſtimonies of Sir Robert's Loyalty, as preferable to his Self-Interſt, he doth hope may be ſo look'd upon by*

*Now as to Sir Robert's Services rendred to their Sacred Majesties, in their Own Kingdoms, Therein he hath Paid but his Allegiance and Duty, &c.*

As Thus :

**I**N the Year 1638.or 39.His Most Glorious Majesty found it not unnecessary to Raise an Army to oppose the coming of the *Scots* into *England*; He then ordering the Right Honourable the Earl of *Arundel*, Lord High-Marshal of *England*, to be General of his Army and Armies.

His Excellence the General raising a Troop of Guards, which did consist of 300 Brave Gentlemen, and persons of Quality and Estate, coming into the said Troop as Volunteers, his Excellence appointed to Command the said Troop, his Son Sir *William Howard*, which did behave himself Bravely and Valiantly, and lately Died Lord *Stafford*. In the said Troop Sir *Robert* being a Sworn Servant, as Carver unto Her Majesty (*Queen Mary*) of ever Blessed Memory; He did at his own Cost furnish into the said Troop six Horses and Horsemen, and himself as a Volunteer, over and above his own particular Equipage; so Serving in the said Troop until the Service was ended.

Some Years after this, the Parliament in *England* not being Concordant in the Allowance that his Majesty's Just Laws, Order, or Prerogative should take Place, his Majesty King *Charles* the First did conceive it not unnecessary to Raise an Army towards the Defence and Maintenance of the Law, and his Majesties due Rights; Being then forced, by the disobedience of the Non-Loyalists, to abandon his City of *London*, and to betake himself to the *North*; and to set up his Standard at *Nottingham*, for his Loyal Subjects to appear and adhere; whereby he might and did raise an Army, appointing the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lindsey* to be His General; who Bravely and Honourably did, in all concerns, bravely behave himself; and at the Battle at *Edge-hill*, ended his Life in the Bed of true Honour.

In and at the said Battle, were his most Glorious Majesty King *Charles* the First, and his Royal Highness, (then the Prince of *Wales*) both of ever Blessed Memory; and also, there was then not far off, the Glorious now King *James* the Second, whom God Bless and Preserve



His Majesty of ever Blessed Memory, in the Head of the Right Wing of his Army, drawn in Battalia, (his Highness Prince *Rupert* there Commanding next :) His Majesty did Bravely Charge the Left Wing of the Parliament Army : The Left Wing of His Majesties Army was Commanded by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Brandford* ; the Commander next him, was the Right Honourable the Lord *Harry Wilmott*, then Commisary General of His Majesties Horse ; and Sir *Robert Walsh* being Commander of the Lord *Harry Wilmott's* Troop, as his Captain Lieutenant ; The Troop consisting of above 100 brave Gentlemen of Quality, and most of them *Irish* ; as Sir *John Dungan*, Sir *Walter Dungan's* Son, Sir *Bryan Oneile*, Sir *Henry Talbott*, and divers other Brave Gentlemen ; the now Lord *Dungan* was there, but was very Young, and would fain have been in the said Troop and Battle ; but Sir *Robert* being very tender of him, and having a great regard to his Noble Family, did command this Lord *Dungan* to be a Spectator ; from whence, and by his Experience since abroad, he hath Learned and Practised so, as to be in the Condition of serving his King and Country, as a Brave and Valiant Souldier, which is Hereditary to him and his, so to be.

The said Left Wing of Horse being Commanded by the Lord *Henry Wilmott*, in the Head of them, and in the Head of his own Troop, over Hedge and Ditch he Charged the Right Wing of the Parliament Army, with that Gallantry and Conduct, as that he inforced the Right Wing of the Enemy to the Rout, though the Enemies Right Wing of Horse were double the Number of ours ; yet we did break and pursue them beyond the Town of *Kinton*, which was in the Rear of the Parliament Party ; *Kinton* being a Village of a great length, and a Row of Thatcht Houses of each side the Passage or Street of the said Town of *Kinton*, some of the Enemies Cannon were in the Street of the said Town, as also most part of their Money, Ammunition, Baggage, and Waggons, were between the said Thatcht Houses in the Street of *Kinton*, it being in the Parliament Quarters, and in the Rear of their Army ; and it was not difficult of setting *Kinton* Town on Fire, which might have Burned all their Ammunition, Cannon, and Baggage.

Our Left Wing being in Pursuit of the Enemy, through the said Town of *Kinton*, the Body of our Army, with that of the Parliaments,



ments, being in Battle, the Reserve of ours of Horse, on premeditatedly did follow our Left Wing of Horse in Pursuit of the Enemies; the Reserve of the Enemies Horse staid to countenance and second their Foot: We Pursuing the Enemies Horse through and further than *Kinton* Town, Order came to us from His Majesty, not further to follow the Pursuit of the Enemy, and that we should return to second and uphold the Foot, the Bodies of both Armies then being in Fight; so we desisted from the Pursuit. Coming back through *Kinton* Town, it came into Sir *Robert's* Head, how available it would prove to the King's Service and Interest, to Burn the said Town of *Kinton*, as also all that therein related to the Enemy; upon which, he gave Order unto some of the Troop to alight, and Fire the said Town of *Kinton*: Just as Sir *Robert's* Order was going to be put in Execution, two Field Officers (now Dead, who Sir *Robert* is loath to name) came to him, and asked him if he were not Mad, in giving Order to Fire and Burn the Town of *Kinton*, saying to him, *Do you not see that the Town, and all in it, is our own, and you would Burn it?* Sir *Robert* being to Obey a Field Officer, as his Duty obliged him, only replied, *You see that the Bodies of both Armies are still in Fight, and as Fortune, D' la Gueire, may turn or change, the destroying of this Village, and what is in it of the Enemies, will surely make his Majesty's Victory; and as so, what is this of Value unto us?* But altho Sir *Robert* was oblig'd to Obey a Field Officer, yet he brought out of that Village, the Earl of *Essex's* own Waggon, and two Pieces of the Enemies Cannon, drawn by 16. Horses; and in his return, and keeping his Troop unscattered, he Rencounters with a Party of the Enemies Horse, and Charging and Defeating the said Party of the Enemies, and in the Rear of the Enemies Army: Sir *Robert* in the Rencounter with the Enemy, and in Defeat of them, took from them five of the Kings own Standards, which the Enemy had taken; which the next Morning he brought to his Majesty, with the aforesaid Pieces of Cannon, and the Earl of *Essex's* own Waggon, drawn with Eight goodly Horses. I wish I had taken the next Waggon, where the Spits and Pans were, instead of *Essex's* Waggon; for there lay (as I was afterwards given to understand) all the Money which was to Pay the Parliament Army.

The *Munday* Morning after, the Battle-day being *Sunday*, His Majesty lying on the top of *Edge-hill* all Night, Sir *Robert* presented the Standards

Standards, Cannon, and *Essex's* Waggon, to Prince *Rupert* and the Lord *Willmott*, and they presented them to His Majesty; who immediately (on the Top of *Edg-hill*) preferr'd on Sir *Robert Walsh* and Sir *John Smith*, the Honour of Knight-hood under his Royal Banner.

Some time after, His Majesty coming into *Oxford*, was pleas'd to Order that a particular Medal in Gold should be made for Sir *Robert Walsh*, which accordingly was given him to Wear, and Carry, by His Majesty's Order and Sign Manuel, in the expresse Words and Commission thus following:

CHARLES REX.

**O**ur Will and Pleasure is, That you make a Medal of Gold for Our Trusty and Well-Beloved, Sir *Robert Walsh*, with Our own Figure, and that of Our Dearest Son Prince *Charles* on the Reverse thereof; and to Insculp the Form of Our Royal Banner, used at the Battle of *Edge-hill*, where he did render Us acceptable Service, and received the Dignity of Knight-hood from Us; and to Inscribe of that side, Per Regale Mandatum Caroli Regis, hoc assignatur Roberto Walsh, Militi: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant.  
Given at Our Court at *Oxford*, the first of *June*, 1643.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved  
*Thomas Rawlings*, Graver of  
Seals, Stamps, and Medals.

This was then Enrolled in the Master of the *Rolls* Office in *Oxon* in 1643. and is Enrolled in the *Herauld at Arms* Office here in *London*. The said Medal given Sir *Robert* by the Blessed Hand of King *Charles* the First, he hath ever since carried at his Breast, next his Heart, and hath so carried it in divers Battles in His Majesties Kingdoms, as also in other Countries; yet some pretended Bullies would fain have derogated from the Truth herein, in order to the said Medal; to which Sir *Robert* Printed a Reply, as herein is heretofore mentioned.

Now, Noble Readers, I hope I may without Vanity, boldly say That I have with Loyalty demonstrated part of my Services: I never have been, nor never had a finger in either of the Rebellions of *English*, *Scotch*, or *Irish*; but to the contrary, have ever stood stedfast

fast under my King's Banner, in Charge and Imploymēt most High and Considerable, as my Commissions this day Extant may manifest: Both their Majesties (of ever Blessed Memory) were ever obliging and kind to me; yet my Fate hath been to the contrary, in not obtaining Obedience unto their Majesties Orders, Letters, and Commands.

In Relation to Sir Robert's Concerns ( as in the herein Sequel ) to the Reserve of his Grace the Duke of Ormonds Just Report to His Majesty, and His Majesties Reference to Sir Robert's Concern to His Grace, is here set down *Verbatim*.

The Copy of His Majesty's Reference unto his Grace the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in the Concern of Sir Robert Walsh's Petition.

Whitehall, June 9. 1680.

**H**IS Majesty knowing well the Petitioners Services and Merits, is Graciously pleased to refer the within Written Petition to his Grace, James Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; who is desired to consider the Matter in its several Branches, and to make Report to His Majesty, what his Grace thinks fit to be done for the Petitioner, in all or any of them; and then His Majesty will declare his further Pleasure therein.

Leo. Jenkins.

His Grace the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, his Report to His Majesty upon the abovesaid Reference.

May it please your Majesty,

**I** Remember to have seen Your Majesties Reference upon the Petition of Sir Robert Walsh, dated the 9th of June, 1680. which being left amongst other Papers in Dublin, I conceive the annexed to be a True Copy, both of the Petition and Reference; and therefore do humbly Certifie, that I do know many of the Services set forth by the said Petitioner, to have been performed by his Father Sir James Walsh Baronet, and by Himself, to be true; And that the Petitioner did raise at his own Charge in Ireland, in 1643, both Horse and Foot by my Permission,



*in Pursuance of his late Majesties Command, (of ever Blessed Memory) which accordingly Landed in England, and did His Majesty very Eminent Services; and I do Believe, that the Petitioner's Estate so became lyable to the Payment of new Quit-Rent, and that he hath likewise paid the Tears full value and Accredge Money, as he hath therein set forth; And I do also Believe, (that by his long stay here) that he is reduced to a necessitous Condition, and that the Petitioner hath obtained several Letters from Your Majesty, that his Estate should be struck out of Charge in the Exchequer, and Reprisals for his Houses in Corporations given him; yet nothing hath been done for him therein: And I do remember, that Your Majesty was pleased to say, when You were in Your Coach going towards St. Edmunds-Bury, my Lord of Bath and my self having the Honour of being in the Coach, That Sir Robert Walsh should have a Compensation for his Services and Sufferings; And I do humbly conceive him a Person fit to be taken into Consideration, for recompence in such way as Your Majesty in Your Great Wisdom and Bounty shall think fit: Which is most Humbly Submitted to your Majesties Great Justice.*

London, July 27.

1682.

Ormond.

Now in Relation when His Majesty King Charles the Second was in Flanders, he being enforced to quit Paris, as ye know, and how Sir Robert Walsh was made Prisoner in the Bastil at Paris for three Years, afterwards being discharged, he was forced to give Security of 50000 Crowns, not to carry Armes in five Years following against His Christian Majesty, a thing seldome seen against a Prisoner of War, as Sir Robert was, he being in the Service of the Prince of Conde, the Prince offering to give Monsieur D' Bougy, a Field Marshal Officer of His Christian Majesties, who the Prince had Prisoner, and did offer him for Exchange of Sir Robert Walsh, but was not accepted; so that Sir Robert, after this long restraint in the Bastil, could not obtain his Liberty unless he would give Security for the aforefaid Sum; two Colonels of His Christian Majesties Army, and also two substantial Burgeses of the City of Paris, which Sir Robert gave, as namely, the Deceased Colonel Lord Muskery, and Sir James Dillon, both then Colonels in His Christian Majesties Army, and Monsieur D' Couteur, and Monsieur D' Cott's, who were Burgeses of the City of Paris; and so Sir Robert was set at Liberty.

After



After this, Sir *Robert* went for *Flanders*, to offer his Duty and Allegiance unto his King; and this was about, or in the Year 1654 or 55. Sir *Robert* Addressing himself unto his late Majesty, He was most Graciously pleased to order his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, as unto what His Majesties Pleasure was towards Sir *Robert Walsh*: which His Grace so did; asking Sir *Robert*, If he durst then venture himself into *England*, and there use his Endeavour, in relation to what may be of use unto His Majesties Interest and Service? His Grace adding, That if Sir *Robert* would so do, and endeavour to procure his admittance into *England*, (Sir *Robert* engaging his Word and Honour to be Faithful to His Majesties Service and Interest) His Grace would be Sir *Robert's* Security unto His Majesty for Sir *Robert's* Loyalty; and His Grace was so.

Upon this, in the Year 1654 or 55. Sir *Robert*, at his own proper Cost and Charges, came into *England*, as pretending to Sollicite for the Splinters of his Estate in *Ireland*; which was given by *Cromwel* the Usurper, to one Col. *Vernon*, who then was Quarter-Master General to the Usurper.

Sir *Robert* had so made his Application unto *Thurlo*, (who was Secretary to the Usurper) and disclaiming in any thing which might relate to the Interest or Services of His Majesty of Great *Brittain*: *Thurlo* consented the more to obtain Permission for his Appearance or Residence in *London*; which so did Efficcate, that he did tell Sir *Robert*, the Protector did give him leave and admittance to attend the Sollicitation of his Estate.

Whereupon Sir *Robert* came to Secretary *Thurlo*, and told him, that he had taken a Chamber in *Mark-Lane*, at one *Elkins's* House, an Anabaptist; and withal, that he had been to pay his Respects to the then Lieutenant of the *Tower*, Sir *J. Berkston*, and did tell him where he Lodged; so that if in case any Information should come against Sir *Robert*, upon the least Summons he would appear; his only Request being, he might be heard e're he should be Condemned.

When Sir *Robert* came out of *Flanders* for *England*, by His Majesties Consent and Order, (very few knowing that Sir *Robert* so came, yet) he was not here a Month, but that the Usurper and *Thurlo* had Information that Sir *Robert* was Employed by his King,

as here aforesaid; sure Sir Robert Informed not against himself; so as very unexpectedly, betimes in the Morning, four Files of Musqueteers were sent from the *Tower* to seize upon Sir Robert, and to carry him Prisoner to *Berkston*, then Lieutenant of the *Tower*. Sir Robert being in Bed, and one Capt. *William Bowen* with him, who is still alive; the Master of the House (the aforesaid *Elkins* the Anabaptist) comes up, much affrighted, and offended, to tell Sir Robert, that those Musqueteers from the *Tower*, were entred into his House to make Sir Robert Prisoner, and to carry him to the *Tower*: this honest *Elkins* tells Sir Robert of a very great *Huge* Chest he had in the next Room full of old Papers, and if Sir Robert would put himself into the said Chest, probably he might avoid being carryed Prisoner to the *Tower*. Where he immediately was made close Prisoner, and a Centry set at his Door.

It Fortun'd at the same time, that some Noble Lords and Gentlemen were then made Prisoners; as the most Noble Lord of *Ossory*, the Lord *Charles Goring*, the Earl of *Thanet*, and divers other Noble Gentlemen; they having the Liberty of the *Tower*, none made close Prisoners, with Centinels at their doors, but that Noble Gentleman Col. *Monk*, the Honourable Deceased Earl of *Albermarle* and Sir Robert *Walsh*.

This (before the Earl of *Orrory* Dyed, about the Year 1679 or to the Effect of what here is to follow) Sir Robert got Printed to the Worlds view, Signing his Name thereunto.

Sir Robert *Walsh* being Prisoner in the *Tower*, in the Year 1655 when the aforesaid Lords and Gentlemen were in the *Tower* Prisoners: It was given out that the Usurper was to be Kill'd; and some who were Prisoners then in the *Tower*, were Treated with to go unto His Majesty of Great Britain's Court; who might have had their Liberty, promising their endeavour to find out, and send the Usurper Notice of what then was to be put in Execution against *Cromwel's* Person: Some of the Prisoners then in the *Tower* made offer of their Endeavours, so as they might be set at Liberty, to find out, and give notice of what was to be put in Execution against *Cromwel's* Person; upon which, the Lord *Orrory* came with a visit into the *Tower*, having leave (though Sir Robert *Walsh* was close Prisoner) to see him. What passed between them is as followeth.

In 1654. or 55. the Lord of Orrory in the *Tower*, spake to Sir Robert thus: *I have a Kindness and Well-wish for You, and your Liberty; we hear of some attempts as Contrived against the Lord Protectors Life and Person; some who are here Prisoners have offered to go to the Kings Court, who may Employ their means in the Discovery, whereby to give His Highness notice. Sir Robert, you cannot but know, if you had Served His Highness, and the State, (as now it is but in part) as you have Served the King, in what Posture and good Condition might you have been in: If I may procure your Liberty, and draw you out of the Misery you now are in, would you yet Serve His Highness, in being true unto him?*

Sir R O B E R T's Answer.

My Lord, *I am not well at the King's Court, nor can I say, I may be admitted there; if you please to give me time to Write unto the Lord of Ormond, to see if I may be admitted there; I will shew you my Lord's Answer, and thereupon my Resolution.* Unto which my Lord of Orrory consented; and I immediately Writ to my Lord of Ormond (who was then with His Majesty) a private Letter, of the Proposals the Lord of Orrory made unto me. And another Letter I Writ, that His Lordship may be pleased to Write to me, That His Grace doubts not but so to make my Peace, as to be admitted into His Majesties Court; which Letter I may shew unto my Lord of Orrory; and accordingly I so did, to speak the real Truth, which I would take upon my Death, so it to be.

This that now follows, is what continued betwixt my Lord of Orrory and Me.

Sir Robert Walsh, (quoth my Lord of Orrory) *you shall have your Liberty, you giving good Security to render your Self Prisoner when ever His Highness may be pleased to call for you so to be; and withal, that you Engage to go to the Kings Court, and to Employ your endeavours towards giving us to understand, if you can, the way and manner, how and by what way His Highnesses Person is to be Attacqued, and you shall have Fifty or Sixty Pounds to carry you into Flanders.* Unto all which, Sir Robert seemed willing and



consenting, and gave the Security, who was Bound in 3000 *l.* Bonds Sir *Robert* had the Money promised by my Lord, paid him, and so he went for *Flanders*.

The Prisoners in the *Tower* seeing Sir *Robert* had his Liberty, did wonder at it; and hearing some noise of Killing to fall upon some body; one or other (which Sir *Robert* could never know or find out, who, to make himself, as it seems, acceptable at the Kings Court) hiddenly Informs some about His Majesty, that Sir *Robert* was Hired by the Usurper to go and Kill his King. The Fomenter or Inventer of that Villany, could be no other than a *Rascally Son of a Whore*; if he be Living, this he hath Read, and its said in Print to the World, that he would swallow the Language. As for the Lord of *Orrory*, this was all that ever past betwixt Him and Me.

Sir *Robert Walsh* Arriving in *Flanders*, and coming into *Gaunt*, there was His Grace the Duke of *Ormond*: and Sir *Robert* going to render his Duty unto His Grace, as also to give an account of the Transactions in *England*; it did not then seem convenient to attain His Graces Hearing, the Deceased Lord *Culpepper* then being with His Grace.

The day following, Sir *Robert* waited on His Grace, and gave him an account of all passages that passed betwixt the Lord of *Orrory* and Sir *Robert*; offering and praying that he might appear before His Majesty and Council, to Answer against any Allegation, or false contrived Accusation; he renouncing Grace, Pardon, or Favour from God or Man, if ever Disloyalty could be in any way laid to his charge; and at this Instant hour doth say the like.

Sir *Robert* not prevailing to the admittance of appearing before His Majesty and Honourable Council, whereby to vindicate himself; was then ordered to quit the *Low-Countries*, as if it were from His Majesty of Great Britain. Sir *Robert* obeys, and makes *Bruxels* his way, towards his going for *Germany*, and Lodged but one night in *Bruxels*. The Morning following, the Grand *Provo*, by Name *Castinedo*, comes with *Don John D' Austria* his Order, then Governour of *Flanders*, and some Forty at his heels, to seize, and make Sir *Robert* Prisoner, being ready to take Horse for *Germany*, having his Son and Servant with him, who were also with him made Prisoners; and Sir *Robert* carryed Prisoner in *Bruxels*, to the Prison  
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called the *Vrint*; where he lay close Prisoner, Starvingly, some Months, and none permitted to come at him, until His Majesty of Great Britain, of ever Blessed Memory ( lately Deceased ) hearing the Cruelty of so Murderous a detension, nor that any dared appear, in laying any Crime, or any thing else unto his Charge, he having lain Prisoner Thirty Three Months; His most Just Majesty sent to the Judge Military of *Flanders*, to examine Sir Robert, and to certify His Majesty the cause, or why Sir Robert was so detained Prisoner; His Majesty referring all to the said Judge; and withal, to make Report to His Majesty. Upon which, the Judge Military came to Examine Sir Robert; and also made Publick Declaration, that those who were the means of making Sir Robert Prisoner, or any other, should come to lay any thing to Sir Robert's charge; yet never did any come, or ever durst.

This being certified by the Judge Military to His Majesty of Great Britain, as also to His Most Catholick Majesty the Latter did immediately Order, that a Person of Honour, as Sir Robert Walsh was, should immediately be freed, and set at Liberty; and that out of His Catholick Majesties Treasury, the Expence and Charge of his Imprisonment should immediately be paid, without delay; and Sir Robert having been made Prisoner through the Instigation of some of the King of Great Britain's Council, (*Sine Culpa*) the Order is here this day Extant Colate, by the Notary Publique of *Bruxels*: If the Causers of Sir Roberts Imprisonment durst to have appeared, certainly he would have had more Costs, Damage, and Interest against them, than then they could pay.

Sir Robert Walsh having the said Order for his Release, would not accept of the same, but sent it by the Honourable Earl of *Castlehaven*, to His late Deceased Majesty; and withal, to Represent unto His Majesty, from Sir Robert, that he would not accept of his Liberty but as from His Majesty of Great Britain; being willing that His Majesties Power then in *Flanders*, might be of as much force in his concern, as ever his Father or Grand-fathers Power were in *England*, over any Subject in their Kingdoms.

Sir Robert desiring any *English*, *Scotch*, or *Irish* for his Judges, or the Jury may be of the same Nations: His most Just and Gracious Majesty bid the Lord-Castle-haven to tell Robin Walsh, he was  
a Fool,

a Fool, if he took not his Liberty; which, according to His Majesties Will and Pleasure, Sir Robert did accept of.

And upon His Majesties Happy Restauration, Sir Robert did beg of His Majesty, that he would be pleased to give leave, that he might Question such who so Murderously made him Prisoner in *Flanders*; to which His Majesty said, *No, no; you are to forgive and forget.*

This following, is the Copy of the Order made by Don John of *Austria*, and the Marquess D' *Caresenea*, then Governours of *Flanders*, for the Discharge and Releasment of Sir Robert Walsh, out of the Prison called the *Urint* in *Bruxels*, 1659.

**W**E having in Council Ordered by Two Decrees, the One of the 21st. of February, and the like of the 26th. of the same Month, That the Finances of His most Catholique Majesty's Treasury, should pay the Charge of Sir Robert Walsh's Imprisonment, in order to his Discharge and Releasment; he being detained Prisoner in our Prison called the *Urint* in *Bruxels*, by the Instigation of some of His Majesty's of Great Britain's Council or Ministers, ( sine Culpa ) We therefore do Order, without further delay, that Obedience be immediately given to our here aforesaid Decrees, Paraphe, Don John D' *Austria*, and Marquess *Carasenea*, Signed their Names in 59. Febr. 26.

His now Blessed Majesty King James being in *Bruxels*, sent Sir Robert ( unsought for ) by the then Sir John Berkley, ( the Deceased Lord Berkly ) to the *Urint* Prison, to give Sir Robert a Visit, and with a Viaticum of some Pistols in Gold: one then being rarer than Thousands are now: And His then Royal Highness would never so have sent to Sir Robert, had he thought him in the least Guilty.

Another Imprisonment on Sir Robert Walsh here, from the House of Lords, by a motion made by a Peer of the House, That Sir Robert Walsh having for so long time Lived out of the Kings Dominions, was a dangerous Man; and by consequence, might have a hand in the *Papish Plot*, as a thing not Private. The Motion being then made by a Member of the House of Lords.

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Upon which (*Sir Robert* then Lodging near *Charing-Cross*) by the break of day, *Sir Edward Carter* then *Black-Rod*, came into *Sir Robert's* Chamber, (by Order from the Honourable House of Lords) and making him Prisoner, seized all his Writings and Papers, nay, his very Pockets; the *Black-Rod* carried him away in a hurry; (and the aforesaid Writings and Papers carried by a Porter) where he lay some time; and then was afterwards carryed to appear before the Honourable Committee of the House of Lords: The most Reverend Father in God, the Bishop of *Rocheſter*, ſitting in the Chair, did moderately Interrogate *Sir Robert*, not laying any thing to his Charge. *Sir Robert* deſired, that the Noble Perſon that did motion againſt him in the Houſe of Lords, may be pleaſed to appear there, as unto the maintenance of his Aſſertion againſt him: The Noble Lord, as I preſume, may believe that his motion took its ground upon falſe Information, otherwiſe he might have appeared. *Sir Robert Walſh* ſeareth not to write, or ſay the Truth, or to appear before the Law, or any Courts of Juſtice, in the maintenance of what he ſaith. If a Man could be Murthered and Live withal, ſure *Sir Robert* hath; and ſtill to be caſt down by the Lying Whiſperings of ſome Villains, the World may Judge, &c.

In all his Imprisonments and Sufferings, he never could ſee one that ever did or durſt appear Face to Face, to lay any thing to his Charge or Diſgrace: Sure the Seed of ſuch Evidences, as falſly deprived the good Biſhop *Plunket* of his Life, are Extinct, eſe hidden Enemies (did they not fear the now Right Honourable good Lord Chancellor *Jeffreys*) would have appeared.

One thing I may repreſent of the good Lord Chancellor *Hyde*, the Deceaſed Earl of *Clarendon*: It being *Sir Robert Walſh* his Fate to have been falſly and ſurreptitiouſly Reſented unto him, ſo as *Sir Robert* for a time lay under his diſpleaſure; yet his good Lordſhip ſtaying to hear the Truth, which at laſt he found; his Lordſhip was moſt juſtly pleaſed to Write a Letter to *Sir Robert Walſh* moſt civil and handſome, ſetting forth the unworthineſs and Guilt of Falſe Informators. His Lordſhip being at a diſtance from *Paris*, was pleaſed to Write his Letter unto *Sir Robert*, who then was in *Paris*, which Letter was Civil and Juſt, and is this day Extant: and had not his untimely Death called his good Lordſhip out of this

World; out of doubt, he would have been Sir *Robert's* Friend.

When the now Right Honourable Earl of *Rocheſter* was at *Paris*, in his return from other Countries, Sir *Robert* made his Application unto his Lordſhip, (he then being Mr. *Lowrey Hyde* :) His Lordſhips Inclination to Juſtice, and Love to Right, with his Innate Goodneſs (as certainly is ſo this day) did demonſtrate unto Sir *Robert Walſh* a Teſtimony of his uprightness, and Love to Juſtice. God Reward him, is the Hearty Prayer of his Obedient Humble Servant, *ROBERT WALSH*.

In the ſuddain Transport of Sir *Robert's* Writings, by the *Black-Rods* Order, there was put into the Porters hands Papers of great concern to Sir *Robert Walſh*, which miſcarryed, that related to his Eſtate.

Now, *Noble Reader*, be pleaſed to caſt your Eye upon his late Majeſty of Bleſſed Memory, his Love to Juſtice; you having read his Grace the Duke of *Ormond's* Report, upon His Majeſties Reference to him, upon the concern of Sir *Robert Walſh*; His Majeſty thereupon granted as here followeth.

*Windsor, Septemb. 4. 1682.*

**H**IS Majeſty having ſeen the Report made by his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, upon the Petition of Sir *Robert Walſh*, and conſidering the Petitioners preſent Neceſſities, as well as his former Services, was Gratiouſly pleaſed to refer the ſame to the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treſury, to do what they think fit and reaſonable upon the Petitioners Suit; otherways to Report their Opinion to His Majeſty, who will declare His further Pleaſure.

*Leo. Jenkins.*

*Unto the above Reference, the ſaid Sir Robert never had any Report granted by the Honourable Lords of the Treſury, ſo that His Majeſty's Order was not Obedied.*

Sir *Robert Walſh's* Petition hath ſet forth to His Majeſty, that ſince His Majeſties happy Reſtauration, contrary to His Majeſty's Pleaſure, and ſeveral Letters and Orders, his Eſtate hath paid above

3000 *l.* in new Quit-Rents out of his Estate, in Balance with the Estates of such as were of the Usurper *Cromwel's* Party, or those of the *Irish*, who (as is said) were Rebellious; Sir *Robert* having never been of either of their Parties, but was still in their Majesties Service in most considerable Charge and Employments, as his Commissions this day Extant can set forth. Sir *Robert* came from Foreign Parts (where he had a settled Being) into *England*, upon his late Majesty's (of ever Blessed Memory) Letter, all writ in his own Hand, *And that he should be Welcome to his Loving Friend, Charles Rex* at the Bottom; Notwithstanding which, he hath waited here these Eleven Years next *March*, in hopes that his Majesty's Orders, Letters, and Pleasures might have been Obeyed, which hath Cost Sir *Robert* in his Charges and Expence above 5000 *l.* who is now to seek as much as ever, daily selling the remaining Splinters of his Estate to keep him from Starving here in the *Kings-Bench*. Sir *Robert's* Estate hath also paid the Years full Value and *Acredge* Money, as is Certified by his Grace the Duke of *Ormond's* Report, he being then Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

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A Copy of His Majesty's Letter in 62. being the First; and divers after, but none Obeyed, and all Entred in the Signet-Office.

### CHARLES R.

**R**ight Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor, and Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Couzen and Councillor, We Greet you well: Having taken into Our Princely Consideration, the Humble Petition of Sir Robert Walsh of Balgunnor, in Our Kingdom of Ireland, Knight and Baronet, Praying Our Order for his Restitution to his Estate in Our Kingdom; and reflecting also upon the many Signal Services which he hath performed unto Our Royal Father of Blessed Memory, and unto Our Self; and for his great Sufferings for his Loyalty; having Served as Col. of Horse, and Commander of a Bregade of Horse, in Ours, and Our Royal Fathers Services; and never Acted in that Our Kingdom against Our Royal Authority: We have thought fit, upon Our Consideration

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*Consideration of the Premises, and of the clear Opinion of Our Right Trusty and Right entirely Beloved Cousen and Councillor, James Duke of Ormond, in the Case, and on the behalf of the said Sir Robert Walsh, to recommend him unto your Care, in very especial manner: It being Our Will and Pleasure that you forthwith cause him to be restored to all Mannors, Towns, Villages, Messuages, Houses, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, and Hereditaments, whereof his Father Sir James Walsh Barronet, Deceased, or the said Sir Robert, or any of Theirs; or either Tenants was or were dispossessed, under any Colour or acting of the late Usurpers Power, in Our said Kingdom; as also, to cause the same to be put out of Charge in Our Court of Exchequer there, to the end that the said Sir Robert Walsh may have the full, and very effectual Benefit of this Our Order; and for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 11th of April, 1662.*

*Entered in the Signet Office,  
January the 3. 1662.*

*By His Majesties Command.*

*William Maurice.*

The aforesaid Letter was Addressed as thus on the Superscription;

*To Our Trusty and Right Well-beloved Councillor, Sir Maurice Eustace, Knight, Chancellor of Our Kingdom of Ireland; And to Our Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousen and Councillor, Roger Earl of Orrory, Justices of Our said Kingdom: And to any other Our Lieutenant, Deputy, or other Chief Governour there, or that hereafter shall be in Ireland.*

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A Second Letter of His Majesties, Signed *Charles Rex,*  
*August 1664.*

CHARLES R.

**T***Rusty and Well-beloved, We Greet you well: Whereas we are given to understand, by a Certificate made under the Hands of Three of Our Commissioners, appointed to Execute the Act for Settlement of Our Kingdom of Ireland, That Percy Walsh, Esq; Son of Sir Robert Walsh,*

Walsh, Knight and Baronet, having made out his Innocency before Our said Commissioners, was on the 27th. of July, 1663. adjudged an Innocent Papist; and the said Sir Robert was likewise adjudged an Innocent Papist, and restored unto their Estates, not lying in Corporations. And whereas, By the Tenure of the said Degree, Pursuant to a Clause in Our said Declaration, by which the restitution of Innocent Papists to their Houses within Corporations is reserved unto Us: The said Sir Robert Walsh is left for Relief therein, to Our further Order. We are Graciously pleased, in Consideration of the many Signal Services which he the said Sir Robert hath performed to Our Royal Father of Blessed Memory, and to Our Self. And for His Sufferances for his Loyalty, to signifie Our Pleasure unto you in his Behalf; That you restore the said Sir Robert Walsh to all the Houses, with the Appurtenances, which he or his Deceased Father, or their Tenants were possessed of, in the Year 1641. within the City of Waterford; and to those which are descended unto him from Robert Walsh of Picards Town Esq; his Kinsman: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 20th day of July, 1664. in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesties Command.

Entered the 10th. of August,  
1664. in the Signet Office,  
By Phil. Warwick.

William Maurice.

This is a Copy of the King's Letter to the Duke of Ormond.

## CHARLES REX.

**R**ight Trusty, and Right Intirely Beloved Couzen and Councillor,  
We Greet you well: Being truly satisfied of the Loyalty of Sir James Walsh, Baronet, Deceased, of the little Island; and that he continued Faithful in all those unhappy Times, to the Interest of Our Crown: We have thought fit to recommend unto you, Sir Robert Walsh, Knight, Baronet, his Son and Heir, who likewise Served us Faithfully and Valiantly here in England, during the Wars; desiring that he may not want the Justice and Favour in repossessing his Fathers, and his own Estate,

*which shall be clearly adjudged to belong unto them; and so we bid you heartily Farewell. Given at Our Court at Whitehall. April 28th, 1663.*

By His Majesties Command.

*Hen. Bennet.*

To our Right Trusty and Right entirely Beloved Couzen and Councillor *James Duke of Ormond*, Our Lieutenant General, Governor of *Ireland*.

At the Court and Council at *Whitehall*, on the 23<sup>d</sup>. of *March*, 1677.  
By the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and the Lords of His most Honourable Privy-Council.

**T**He Humble Petition of *Sir Robert Walsh, Knight and Baronet*, having been read this day at the Board, Praying, that in consideration of his Services and Sufferances, both for His Majesty, and late Royal Father of ever Blessed Memory; and for that, himself, his Father, and his Son, were Decreed Innocent Papists, that His Majesty would be pleased to give Order to take off the New quit Rents, Imposed as well upon that Part of his Estate in *Ireland*, which descended to him from his Father *Sir James Walsh*, as of that in right of his Deceased Wife *Mary Sherlock*; The said Yearly quit Rents, amounting unto 103 l. odd Money, per annum. His Majesty being Graciously pleased to Gratifie the Petitioner, doth Order that the Right Honourable the Secretary do prepare a Letter for His Majesties Royal Signeture, to his Excellency the Earl of *Essex*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, to Inform himself whether there be room for abating the Petitioners Quit-Rents, amounting to the Sum aforesaid, within the 4000 l. per annum, which his Lordship by his Instructions may remit; if not that, his Lordship may consider of some other way, whereby His Majesty may Express His Favour towards the Petitioner, to as Valuable a Consideration, and make Report to His Majesty.

Which the Lord of *Essex* never would, nor did.

*John Nicholes.*



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The Kings Letter to the Earl of *Essex*, Lord Lieutenant of  
*Ireland*, in 1677. as followeth :

CHARLES REX.

**R**ight Trusty and Right Well-beloved Couzen and Councillor, We Greet you well, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Robert Walsh, Knight and Barronet, having Presented a Petition to Us in Council, Praying, that in Consideration of his Services and Sufferings, both for Our Self, and Our late Royal Father of Blessed Memory; and for that himself, his Father and Son were declared Innocent Papists, We would be pleased to take off the New-Quit-Rents, 103 l. per annum. Imposed as well upon that part of his Estate in *Ireland*, descended to him from his Father, as also, that in right of his Wife, Mary Sherlock, amounting to above the aforementioned Sum. And we being Graciously pleased to Gratifie the Petitioner, do think fit hereby to signifie Our Pleasure unto you. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That you see if there be room for abating the Petitioners Quit-Rent, within the 4000 l. per annum, which by your Instructions you may remit of Quit-Rents in that Our Kingdom, whereby We may express Our Favour to the Petitioner; and make Report to Us: So We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the 14th of *April*, 1677. in the Twenty Ninth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesties Command.

H. Coventrey.

To the Earl of *Essex*, &c.

Who would not make Report according to His Majesties Order.

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That neither His Majesties Orders or Letters could take any effect, the World may Judge, That the necessitated Condition of Sir *Robert Walsh* is hard, who hath here layn Prisoner in the *Kings-Bench* these Three Years, and no Execution, but Inconsiderable Fob Actions laid upon him: One in Relation to the old Debt of the Lord *Harry Wilmot's*, Deceased, Earl of *Rockester*: Another Action by one *Tho. Sherman*, (who once was Sadler to His then Royal Highness, now His most Sacred Majesty) who did Ignominiously sell his Place,

Place, in the time of (as some name them) the *Popish Plots*. Sir *Robert Walsh* having then His late Majesty's Pass under his Hand and Seal, Signed by the Secretary of State, freely to Pass into Foreign Countries, with Recommendation of Sir *Robert*, by His Majesty, to all Kings and Princes in Amity with His Majesty: Unto the said Pass *Thomas Sherman* would give no Obedience; but to the contrary, said, *That if Sir Robert were in the Bowels of Whitehall, he would Warrant the Bayliffs to fetch him out*; he saying, *So well he did know and understand the Law, and due Liberty belonging to the Subjects*; whereupon, within the Verge of *Whitehall*, in his own House, he brought in the Marshal's Men, without asking Leave of the Verge, or any of His Majesty's Household Officers; so had Sir *Robert* Arrested, and carryed him Prisoner into the *Marshalsea* in *Southwark*; his pretended Debt being but 30*l*. Sir *Robert* paid him 'twixt 70 and 80 Pounds; and hath *Sherman's* Ownment, that Sir *Robert* Oweth him not a Groat; as is Witnesses thereunto, *John Chappel*, Clerk to Sir *James Butler*; and *John Dutton*, of the *Bull-head Tavern* in *White-Fryers*: And though Sir *Robert* hath lain thus long in the *Kings-Bench*, Prisoner, this *Thomas Sherman* never declared against him.

For the Debt of the Lord *Harry Wilmot's*, Earl of *Rocheſter*, his Lordship did pay in the Year 1648. he then being in *London*, and taken in Execution, but not taking a discharge, Sir *Robert Walsh* coming into *England*, in the Year 1654. he was Arrested by one Widdow *Dayes*, whose Money it was that was Lent, in the Year 1641. being but 200*l*. Sir *Robert Walsh* lying then in the *Fleet*, to obtain his Liberty (he then being ready to go for *Flanders*, to give His Majesty an account of his Transactions in *England*) he agreed to give the said Widdow Twelve Pound a Year, during her Life, giving her good Security; and she was punctually paid, as her Acquittances this day Extant, make appear: She dyes, and one Widdow *Gayton* seeing Sir *Robert Walsh* come into *England*, in the Year 1675. he being sent for, by His late Majesty of Blessed Memory; this Widdow *Gayton* pretending to be Executrix to the Widdow *Dayes*; this *Gayton* (a most miserable Poor Woman) gets Sir *Robert Walsh* Arrested, and he was carryed to the *Gate-House*, Prisoner; he being loath to lye there Prisoner, this Widdow *Gayton* brings

brings with her the Widdow *Sedgeſt*, who dwelleth at the *Barbers-Pole* near *Somerſet-Houſe*, a Woman of good Credit and Repute; Sir *Robert* hath known her many Years, ſhe repreſenting what a Deed of Charity it would be to give the Widdow *Gayton* ſomething during her Life, ſhe being not like to Live long, as ſhe did not; Sir *Robert* was perſwaded to give her (he being then Priſoner) ſix Pounds a Year, during her Life, he paid her (as Mrs. *Sedgeſt* can Witneſs) the firſt Quarter; ſhe hoping to work (by the Council of a Faſſe Attorney) upon Sir *Robert*: She being by Bond not to trouble Sir *Robert* in any manner of way: She dyes, and one *William Bowel* and one *Waites*, pretending to be the Widdow *Gayton*'s Executors, layeth here an Action of 200*l.* in the *Kings-Bench*, upon Sir *Robert*, being led and perſwaded by the ſame Attorney that ſo led the Widdow *Gayton*: For the 200*l.* Lent by the Widow *Dayes*, in the Year 1641. ſhe had Bound to her the Lord *Harry Wilmot*, *Thomas Offley*, the Deceaſed Groom-Porter, and Sir *Robert Waſh*, Bound many Years paſt. In the Year 1642. Sir *Robert* was Arreſted for the ſaid 200*l.* and Committed to the *Kings-Bench*, where now he is. His Maſteſty *Charles* the Firſt, of Bleſſed Memory, and Her Maſteſty, being then gone from *London*, Sir *Robert Waſh* being then Her Sworn Servant, made his Application to the Honourable Houſe of Lords, then ſitting in Parliament, who were pleaſed to grant this following Order, as Remarkable; the King and Queen having left *London*:

The LORDS Order.

U Pon Information given this day Sabbath, the 30th of April, 1642. unto the Houſe, that Robert Waſh, Eſq; is a Sworn Servant to the Queens Maſteſty, did now attend the Pleaſure of this Houſe, according to an Order of their Lordſhips, dated the 29th of this preſent April, and deſiring his Enlargement, as hath in like Caſes been afforded.

It is Ordered, by the Lords now in Parliament Aſſembled, That the ſaid Mr. Waſh, ſhall forthwith (by Vertue of this Order) be freed from his preſent reſtraint and Imprisonment, and this to be a ſufficient Warrant in that behalf. Signed,

To Sir John Lentall, Knight,  
and Marſhal of the Bench.

John Brown, Clerk  
of the Parliament.



The said Order was presently Obeyed, and Sir *Robert* discharged and set at Liberty ; and now to be in the *Bench* on the same Action, I hope may be thought no less than strange ; and much more, that Sir *Robert* having His Majesty's of Blessed Memory's Hand and Seal for his Person and Moveables, freely to Pass, yet *Thomas Sherman* would not grant thereunto the least Obedience ; ( he taking example by Sir *William Waller*, when he was in his Usurp ) so that the said *Sherman's* Fob-Action hath been the occasion of many more, which hath caused Sir *Robert* so long to be detained Prisoner, and no Execution.

Sir *Robert Walsh* in 1678-79. going to *Strand-Bridge* to take Oars for *Gravesend*, ( and having sent his Equipage before him on Ship-Board, and he, with his Majesties Pass, following ) was seized upon at the *New-Exchange*, by the Warrant of Sir *William Waller* ; Sir *Robert* asking where Sir *William* was, the Bayliffs told him at the *Half-Moon-Tavern* over the way, thither Sir *Robert* was haled out of the Coach, and hundreds of People about him, and so was carryed before Sir *William*, who had on his Left hand the Worshipful absconded *Edm. Everard*, who pretended to be one of His Majesties Evidences attending Dr. *Oates*. Sir *Robert Walsh* desired of Sir *William Waller* to let him know why he was so used and abused ; Sir *William* Answered, That he was a dangerous Person, and not unlike of having a hand in the *Popish Plot* ; and adding, That he had reflected, and Writ against Mr. *Everard*, which was there by him, and a Principal Evidence for His Majesty against the *Popish Plotters* : Sir *William* telling him, he must give Security to appear at the next ensuing *Sessions* in the *Kings-Bench*, where he and Mr. *Everard* would be to make Party against him.

Sir *Robert* replied, That he was just then going into a pair of Oars at *Strand-Bridge*, to follow his Goods and Equipage sent aboard a Ship at *Gravesend* ; saying to Sir *William*, he had to give him the best Security *England* could produce : Sir *William* crys, Let us have it : upon which, he draws out his Pass, under His Majesties *Hand and Seal*, and produces it to Sir *William*, he reads it, and crys, *Pish* at it ; and gives the Constable order to take Sir *Robert* Prisoner to his house : The Constable seeing his Pass, tells Sir *William* he had no room in his house , upon which Sir *William* said

to Sir *Robert*, you are a Person of Honour, if you will give me your Parole to appear at the *Kings-Bench*, the 6<sup>th</sup> of this Instant, (where Mr. *Everard* and I will be to make Party against you) I will give you your Liberty: Sir *Robert* Represents how he was on his way to *Gravesend*, to Ship himself out of the Kingdom, but that would not satisfie Sir *William*; so that he found himself constrained to give his Parole to appear at the Sessions at *Westminster*, and so he did; where sate the Right Honourable the Lord *Craven*, and other Honourable Judges: Sir *Robert* appearing there, Sir *William Waller*, and *Edmund Everard* were called upon by the Cryer, to come and make Party against Sir *Robert*, but neither did appear; So Sir *Robert*, by that Honourable Bench, was discharged; and then he intending for *Gravesend*, but the Ship that he was to have Imbarqued in (with his Goods and Equipage) was gone, and could not be heard of; which hath brought him into no small distrefs.

Sir *Robert* went to his late Majesty, of Blessed Memory, representing the disregard, and how this *Waller* flighted His Majesties Pafs; the Spawn of a Traytor, whom I have often pursued Night and Day, through Frost and Snow, as all the Court doth know. His Majesty was pleased to say then, *Well, Robin, your time of satisfaction may come e're long.*

If Sir *Robert Wallsh* should go on, as to the further Declaration of his Sufferances and Murderous Treatments, it would weary the Noble Reader: And to see the only Person now Living, that was Knighted the day of *Edge-Hill* Battle, under His Majesties Royal Banner, to be thus Matyrized (*Solamen Miseris.*)

This is Word by Word, what I gave into His Majesties hand.

**M**<sup>ost</sup> Sovereign, and most Gracious Sir, I most humbly beg Pardon, in what I here most Submissively now do Represent; and how in this one particular, by the Providence of the Almighty, it came within my Reach and Power to Evidence, and Pay the Loyal Duty of my Zeal and Allegiance unto your most Sacred Person; which to me, then was, and is, preferable to any Self-Interest: In this, your most Sacred Majesty is my Evidence, that I have not been deficient in the preserve of my Duty, Loyalty, and Zeal for my Sovereign's Interest and Service.

'Twixt *Paris* and *St. Germain*.

I could Exemplifie upon several Services which I have been happy and Fortunate in rendring; as one, which some Nobles and Gentlemen, now Living here, have seen in the Year 1645. or 46.

That the Earl of *Essex* then General for the Parliament, came to *Saultash*, being of that side the River; the Castle of *Lifforme*, or *Lifteedle*, having in it a Garrison of His Majesties; the Earl of *Essex* his first attempt was to Besiege the said Castle; Sir *James Smith* being ordered to the Relief of the Castle: the Earl of *Essex* his Foot having Lin'd the Hedges within less then Musket-shot to the Castle: Sir *James Smith*, that Worthy Gentleman, was by *Essex*'s Foot forced to Retreat, and was Cruelly Wounded, many of his Horse being Killed. Sir *Robert Walsh*, with his Regiment of Horse, was ordered to the Relief of Sir *James Smith*; His Majesty King *Charles* the First, was then there, and His Royal Highness at his Elboe, and were right opposite to the said Castle, on the other side the River, which was but narrow: Sir *Robert Walsh*, with his Regiment of Horse, having Relieved Sir *James Smith*, did the Castle also, by beating *Essex* Foot out of the Hedges, which was no ordinary Service for Horse to compass: His Majesty of Blessed Memory, looking on the Service as Remarkable, sent Mr. *Daniel Oneil* to see whose Regiment of Horse that was, and to bring the Collonel to His Majesty; Mr. *Oneil* was not a little pleased to find it was his Country-mans Sir *Robert Walsh*, who immediately had him to His Majesty, who was pleased to take Sir *Robert* by the hand, His Royal Highness then Prince of *Wales* at his Elboe. His Majesty most Graciously saying to Sir *Robert*, (many being by) *That, that was not the first considerable Service (that he was Eye-witness to) that Sir Robert had Rendred.* Some time after this, the Right Honourable the Lord *Hopton*'s Bregade of Horse was conferred upon Sir *Robert*; and soon after, he had his Commission to be Commissary General of His Majesty's Army, *Sur l' pied Dalmaigne*, a Place of Charge, great Honour and Trust; 20 *l.* a Week Pay, over and above very great and high Priviledges, as his Commissions and Instructions this day extant may show; yet he doth here miserably lye Prisoner in the *Kings-Bench*, by the want of Obedience not given to His late Majesties Orders, Letters, and References.



Sir Robert's Estate hath paid, contrary to His Majesties Pleasure and Order, between 4 and 5000 *l.* since His late Majesties Happy Restauration; who here hath waited in hopes of gaining Obedience to be given to His Majesties Will, now near Eleven Years, which hath cost Sir Robert 'twixt 5 and 6000 *l.* more, who is now to seek as much as ever: Remedyless, unless by His now most Blessed, and most Gracious Majesty, he may be taken into His most Royal, Just, and Benign Consideration: so God Bless and Preserve His most Glorious Majesty, King *JAMES* the II. *By the Grace of God, &c.*

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A Copy of Sir Robert Walsh his Letter to the Commissioners,  
for the Assessing of the Pole-Money.

Worthy Sirs,

**I** Hereby send you my Badge and Commission for it; I waiting here in attendance to receive His Majesties Pleasure and Command, who was so pleased to Write unto me, every Line in his own Hand, to Repair hither, in Order to his Service, out of Forreign Countries; and that I should be welcome to my Loving Friend Charles Rex, at the bottom; as now hereby you may see: And as for my Dignity in the Quality, you may say, was not gained unto, through Love or Favour, but it cost me some Blood at the Battle of Edge-Hill, in the Year 1642. or 43. which His Majesty's Commission here will let you see: So that I hope your Justice will so consider, as that I may in effect so find; who am

Your most Humble Servant,

*R. Walsh.*

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Midd. ff. **B**Y the Commissioners of the said County of Middlesex, for putting in Execution an Act of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for Raising of Money by a Pole, and otherways to Enable His Majesty to enter into an actual War against the French King, and for Prohibiting several French Commodities.

**T**Hese are to Certifie all whom it may any ways Concern, That whereas Sir Robert Walsh, the only Knight Bannoret in England, is Assessed within the Dutchy Liberty, of the Sum of 10 *l.* for his Dignity, besides One Shilling for his Pole; against

which Assessment the said Sir *Robert Walsh* appealed (finding himself therewith agrieved.) And it being adjudged by the said Commissioners, that the said Dignity of Bannoret is not specified in the said Act; It is ordered, That the said Sir *Robert Walsh* be discharged of the said Sum of 10 *l.* Assessed as aforesaid for his Dignity; and that he be charged only with One Shilling for his Pole. Dated at *Hicks's-Hall*, the 30th of May. 1678.

*Copia Vera*

*William Beversham.*  
*Edward Abney.*  
Their Hands and Seal.

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**GEORGE** Lord GORING, General of all His Majesties Forces of Horse and Foot, that are or shall be raised in the Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales; and Lieutenant General to His Highness Prince Rupert, of this Western Army, and of all those Forces, that are or shall be Raised in the Counties of Southampton, Surry, Suffex, and Kent.

To Sir *Robert Walsh*, Knight and Bannoret, Collonel of a Bregade of Horse; and Commissary General of the West of England, Southampton, Surry, Suffex and Kent.

**B***R* Vertue of the Power and Authority given me by His Highness Prince Rupert, and Ratified by Our Sovereign Lord King Charles, under the Broad-Seal of England. I do hereby Ordain, Constitute, and Authorize you to be Commissary-General of all His Majesty's Garrisons and Forces, both of Horse and Foot, which are, or shall be under my Command; which Place and Office of great Trust, and Eminent Honour, you shall, by Vertue of this Commission, receive into your Charge, Care, and Execution, as Commissary-General; Willing and Commanding all Treasurers, Commissaries Provant, Masters of His Majesties said Army, Forces, and Garrisons, and all Officers whatsoever, of or belonging to His Majesties said Army, Forces, and Garrisons, which are or shall be Subordinate, to Follow, Perform, and Accomplish all such Orders and Directions, as you shall direct to them, and every of them, as Commissary General for His Majesties Service, according to this Commission  
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given unto you; and you your self in like manner to Observe, Follow, and Execute such Orders, Directions, and Instructions, as you shall from time to time receive from my Self, according to the Occasion and Discipline of War; and in all things to govern and bear your self as unto your Duty and Place of Commissary-General doth of right appertain and belong; hereby strictly Charging and Commanding all Governours, Lieutenant-Governours, Captains, Commanders of His Majesties said Army, Forces, and Garrisons. As likewise, all Collonels, Lieutenant-Collonels, Serjeant-Majors, both of Horse and Foot; and all other Inferiour Officers to you Subordinate, to Obey and Observe you as Commissary-General, under such of His Majesty's Army, Forces, and Garrisons; and to be from time to time Obedient, Aiding, and Assisting to all such Commands as any of them shall receive from you, for the Best Government and Preservation of His Majesties said Army, Forces, and Garrisons: as also all His Majesties Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, and other His Majesty's Officers, Ministers, and Loving Subjects, to whom it may belong; and you are to proceed in the Execution hereof, according to such Orders, Directions, and Instructions as you shall receive from Me: Which, towards the enabling you hereunto, I do Establish you Twenty Pounds a Week. Given under my Hand this first of April, 1645.

*Copia Vera.*

John Donn, Secretary to  
the Lord General Goring.

George Goring.

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*Instructions for Sir Robert Walsh, Knight and Banneret, Collonel of a Bregade of Horse, and Commissary-General of all His Majesties Armies, Forces, and Garrisons in the West of England, and Counties of Southampton, Surry, Suffex, and Kent.*

1. **Y**OU as Commissary-General (a Place of High Trust and Command) are to have Subordinate unto you, all Accomptants for Moneys and Provisions, the Advocate Fiscal, together with all Physicians, Chyrurgeons, and Apothecaries, and is responsible only to the General.

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2. All Provisions in all kinds, for the Armies and Garrisons, for the Counties above-written, are to be under your Care; and all the Coffers for Provisions, as they are Accomptants, are under your Command.

3. You are from time to time to acquaint your self with the true Estate of the Armies, within the aforesaid Counties; and in order to that, you have Authority to cause the Muster-Master-General to Muster or Review all or any part of the Armies or Garrisons within the aforesaid Counties, and at General-Musters, and not by Private Instructions, you are to be assured of the true Estate of it.

4. You are to call to the Majors of *Tertias*, and Regiments of the Armies, within the said Counties, for a List of all the Wounded Men, and Maimed, and to take notice of all Sick Souldiers, who are to be presented to you by Name; you are to take care for their Cure, and keeping either in the Army, or by sending them to Hospitals, or other appointed places.

5. No Collonel or Captain, without your Approbation, ought to dismiss any Souldiers by Pass utterly out of the Army.

6. You are to call the Treasurer at Wars, as often as you please, to give you true Information what Money he hath in Bank.

7. You are by your Warrant to Command the Treasurer to Issue what Payments you find necessary, who is not to pay out any Sums without your Order.

8. The Treasurer is to be accomptable unto your Office for all Receipts and Payments. And all Commissaries for the Victuals and Provisions, are once a Month at least (or as often as you shall require it) to give you a perfect List of all their Stores, which you are to cause to be supplied, by making it there, or from other parts. And shall Issue nothing without your Warrant. And shall be accomptable to you for all their Expending.

9. For the Kings Part, of all Confiscated Goods, adjudged to be so, that the Martial of the Field, the Advocate Fiscal, is to be accomptable to you; and so are all those that have Commissions for Sequestrations of all Rebels Estates or Goods, which the King designeth for the Maintenance of the Army.

10. All Compositions with Towns, Houses, or Persons, to be freed

freed from Plundering or carrying away as Prisoners (if they be designed to the Army by the King) shall come under your Cognizance.

11. You are to cause Portocal or Privy-Register, not only of the Cotincels and Reasons, why such things were done, or wherefore such Issues of Moneys, Provisions, and Ammunition were made, but also of the best experienced, and most likeliest manner how to recruit, or get in more.

12. Finally, You are from time to time to render a particular accompt to me, or such Superior Officer to whom you ought to be Subordinate of your proceeding, in all things belonging to your Office and Place. Given under my Hand the first of *April*, 1645.

*Copia Vera.*

John Don; Secretary to  
the Lord General Goring.

*George Goring.*

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*A Copy of what Sir Robert was pleased to set forth in Print, in the Year 1679. concerning His then Royal Highness, and now Sacred Majesty King James the Second, in relation to some Troubles that then happened.*

**A**S for His Royal Highness, I declare, and am ready to prove, that he was altogether a Stranger to these Practices; nay, I am sure he would be the first in His Royal Person, that would hazard his Life to Quell and Oppose such Trayterous Attempts: What dangers has he ever declined to give a Testimony of his Zeal and Care for His Majesties Service, and the Preservation of His Laws, and Loyal Subjects? Some will censure His Belief, though they know not their own, much less another Mans Religion: Can any groundly say him to be otherwise than a true Catholick? Sure I am, he is of that temper, that he loves all Honest and Peaceable Christians, let them be of what Religion they will, and hates nothing more than such as has too much Religion in their Mouths, but none in their Hearts; making a Cloak thereof to carry on their own Evil designs against Church and State. Herein I do but my Duty, and what I owe to the Posterity of His late Majesty, of most Blessed Memory.

Memory, whose Goodness is so deeply Printed in my Heart, that although His Royal Highness has had an ill Opinion of me, yet this shall never lessen or alienate my Loyalty to my King, or my Duty to His Royal Highness: and were it not wholly against my Inclinations to prove Disloyal, I am sure, I have met with as much provocation as ever Subject did; and all this proceeding from the Malice of Fabulous Tale-tellers, and Lying Informers.

And though it came out of His Royal Highness's Mouth, the Calumniating me with the Title of *Informer*; it was he that Inculcated the same into His Highness's head, who durst not to my Face say, or lay any thing to my Charge disadvantageous: he was a Lying Villain: This I say, and will maintain in any Ground in Christendom, *That whoever he was that Buzzed that Ill Character of me into His Royal Highness's Ear, he could be no other than a Villanous Lying Rascal, in that particular*: This he perhaps may read, and will swallow; if he durst have owned to my Face what he said, I would bid him *Kiss*, or make him *Kiss* my, &c.

R. *Walsh*.

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**I**N April 1677. this was given His Majesty in Writing by Sir Robert Walsh, who would have Introduced to His Majesty a *French-Man*, that had been *Comij* to Monsieur Fouket; after Fouket's disgrace, he was Secretary to Monsieur D' Lyon; and being in Discontent, was perswaded by Sir Robert Walsh to come to *England*, to discover unto His Majesty here, Matters of such high concern, as would have been of use to His Majesty's Service, and for the safeties of His Majesty's Subjects and Kingdoms: As thus,

*First*, That he would declare to His Majesty the Names of some, in whom he puts great Trust, and did Confide in them, who have been gained by His Most Christian Majesty's Ministers to betray His Majesty's concern unto His Most Christian Majesty and his Ministers.

*Secondly*, That he would make it appear, that though the *French* King made such great Preparations for War, that it bends and tends to bring the States of *Holland* to a Concurrence with him, in case  
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the Confederates would not; and if he did not do that by force of Arms, he doubted not, when he saw his time, but that he could by a Plausible way, as he offers plainly and visibly to make appear unto His Majesty; as also, that as soon as any such Peace or Agreement could be Sodered up, that their Armies must of necessity, necessarily be Employed into other Dominions, as he would demonstrate, and make out to His Majesty.

This Person who was very well known unto His Majesty, in Monsieur *Fouquets* time, being Sur-Intendant, (who came not then empty handed from Monsieur *Fouquet* to His Majesty) desires that when heard by His Majesty, His Majesty may please to Address him to such Members of His Parliament, as His Majesty may think good; and after his Conference with them, he will (upon hazzard of losing his Head) undertake that His Parliament (upon such grounds and reasons as he will manifest) will immediately supply His Majesty with a Fleet and Army for His and Their Safety: So that therewith, any attempts may meet with a timely and seasonable prevention.

Sir *Robert* did give the then Lord Treasurer the same which he gave the King, and Sir *Robert* being with His Majesty, in Mr. *Chivinses* Chamber, (where his Majesty was pleased to come) Sir *Robert* saying to His Majesty, that he did hope now that he had his Ear, and might keep it; which His Majesty was pleased to say, *He should*; but as soon as His Majesty Communicated to some, what Sir *Robert* Represented; His Majesties Ear and Countenance towards him, was a little altered; and so as this *French-Man* hath found out all that he hath Communicated here; that is to say, what Sir *Robert* gave His Majesty, was sent to the *French* Ministers, or Communicated to them.

This *French-Man* staid here six or seven Weeks; and Sir *Robert* daily pressing by Mr. *Edward Prodgers*, that His Majesty would give him an hearing; and Sir *Robert* advertizing every day that the Man would stay no longer, yet could not be heard; so that the Man went then to the States of *Holland*, where out of doubt he was well received, but very discontented with Sir *Robert*.

Mr. *Edward Prodgers* being of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber, was by His Majesty's Command, still to Correspond and keep Intelli-

gence with Sir Robert, as well whilst he was in *France*, as also here; which Mr. *Prodgers* so did, in 1673. and 1674. as his Letters extant, under his hand, do set forth, which are so many, as to read them would consume time.

*The following Letter being but short, directed from him to me, from New-Market, I here Insert, omitting several others of greater consequence, by reason of their tediousness.*

His Majesty then being at *New-Market*, the *French-Man*, who would have made discovery, being then here with me in *London*, wearyd by his long attendance and stay; Sir Robert still Importuning Mr. *Prodgers*, he may by His Majesty be heard, which was very often promised he should, but was not; as from *New-Market* the aforesaid following Letter signifyeth.

To Sir Robert Walsh, These. From *New-Market*.

Dear Sir,

**A**T my Return to this Town last Night, I received the Honour of your Letter, and discovered to His Majesty; of which, when we Return, I doubt not but to give you a satisfactory account, Mr. Secretary Coventry being here; had I not been in the Country about some Concerns of my own, you had long since received an account of your Demands, from, Dear Sir,

Your very affectionate Friend,  
and Humble Servant,

*Edward Prodgers.*

Divers of Mr. *Prodgers* his Letters to me I have, setting forth how acceptable to His Majesty the Correspondency I held with Mr. *Prodgers*, and the Intelligence I sent being so well received; which Intelligence took a part of the Intendency then towards the disturbance of His then Majesty of great *Britain's* Kingdoms, as more largely I could Expatiate upon, as in many other essential Matters, relating to the then Intendments to the Tumultuous Troubles towards *England*; I, not as a Parrotter, like Informer, but was ready to

to have declared to the House of Parliament; I being Summoned thither in the Year 1677. or 78. and I offered the same to have done before any Committee of their House; whose Reply was, for me to withdraw, which so I did; Dr. Oates, Bedloe, Edmund Everard, standing with me the same time at the House of Commons-Bar, they being my Opposers.

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A True Copy of His Grace the Duke of Ormond's Letter to Sir Robert Walsh, the 24th of October 1682. in his own hand.

S I R,

I Received your Letter at Euston, and hear since the Misfortune of your Imprisonment; and I have seen that you have Writ to my Lord of Bath; upon which, We have spoke to the King in your Behalf, and for your Relief, but we could offer no Expedient to His Majesty for your Enlargement, but the Payment of the Debts, for which you are Arrested, since the Injustice of your detension, as you seem to think, can not properly come before him, or be determined by him; and though His Majesty have Compassion of your Condition; yet we could not think fit much to press him in setting you free, in paying your Debts; which, in the Example of it, would bring many and great Inconveniencies upon him; which made me think of putting His Majesty in the Mind, of your unreasonableness of paying Quit-Rents: It being well known to himself, that you had no hand in the Rebellion; but on the contrary, you having Served against the Rebellion here; with which His Majesty was so Graciously affected, that he consented the taking of that Burden and Blemish off you: And if I am not mistaken, this Grace will be of equal Value to what you desire; but before you attain to it, you must pass the ordinary forms, which the Bearer, my Secretary, will tell, and assist you in the Prosecution. This is all I have been able to do for you in your Extremity, unless it be to send you a small Present, which at such a time may be useful; and I hope will be acceptable to you, as coming from

Your very Affectionate Servant,

ORMOND.



Saint James's, Decemb. the 20th. 1683. The Copy of the Earl of  
Baths Letter to Sir Robert Walsh; all in his own hand.

SIR,

**I** Cannot deny your just Request, in declaring the Truth of my knowledge, concerning your Petition to His Majesty, and His Granting at New-Market, October the 6th last was a Twelvemonth, in the Presence of the Duke of Ormond, and my Self, you having the Misfortune of being Arrested at London, for the Debts of the late Earl of Rochester, the Lord Harry Wilmot; you could not in Person attend the King; therefore you sent a Letter with a Petition Inclosed for His Majesty, to the Duke of Ormond, and my Self, which we Presented to His Majesty, having a fair Opportunity fully to Discourse upon the matter, the King going then Twelve Miles to Dinner, to my Lord Crofts, and none waiting upon His Majesty in His Coach, but we two, where His Majesty Expressed himself very Graciously of your long and faithful Services and Sufferings,; and that he was willing to do more for you than was desired in your Petition; but in Releasing your Quit-Rents, though it was not just that at first they should be laid on your Estate, it would now be of Ill Consequence, and contrary to an Order of Council; therefore in place thereof, His Majesty granted that you should have a full Compensation some other way, as may be best to your satisfaction and advantage therein; and at the same time, Com-manded His Grace the Duke of Ormond to Consult with you herein, the best way and manner it may be done, and so to give Order to the Secretaries of State, and other Ministers, that His Majesties Pleasure should be effectually performed; which good Office, His Grace, out of his Kindness to you, most Generously with all Alacrity accepted, and declared oftentimes to me, that he would use his utmost Endeavours therein; the Earl of Essex being Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and how it hath been delayed hitherto, I cannot well understand; having been my self out of Town in the West of England, about the King's Service, for these Five months last past; and do not doubt, (but that when His Majesty shall be moved therein, and knows his Commands are not yet observed) effectual Orders will be given for performance of His said Gracious Promise: wherein, I promise, you shall not want my utmost endeavours, especially on this good Occasion; and wish you all Happiness, and will ever Remain

Your most affectionate, and Humble Servant,

BATHURST

This is a True Copy of Father *Manfuet*,  
Father Confessor to His Majesty, His  
Letter to Sir Robert *Walsb.* January  
the 1<sup>st</sup>. 1686.

SIR,

**I** Have Spoke to the King in your Concern, and  
His Majesty did Witness unto me, not only  
his having nothing against you; but withal, that  
he hath an esteem of your Valour and Fidelity.

I told him, That my Judgment, in which I  
formed, was the same, like as His Majesty's;  
and I know that if you present your self to His  
Majesty, you will not want to meet with all kind  
of satisfaction. This is what I can say to you  
for the Present, assuring you that I am,

SIR,

Your very Humble and  
Obedient Servant,

P. Manfuet.

A Copy of a Letter from Secretary Guy,  
the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

SIR,

**I** Do assure you, it was no Omission in my Resolution of Serving you, that you heard not from me all this time, but only an attendant for a Seasonable time to Serve you, which I thought would be best, when my Lord Lieutenant of Ireland was present; that Opportunity I had on Thursday last; at which time, my Lord Lieutenant Sitting with my Lords of the Treasury, I begged leave to Read your Petition, which I did, together with all your other Papers, and urged every thing that was possible, for your Service; in the Debate of the whole, your Merits was acknowledged by All; but that now the King's affairs were in such a Condition, that they could not do anything at the present. All that I can advice you is, That you again apply your self to the Lord Lieutenant, and my Lord Hyde; and in whatever concerns my Station, you shall most assuredly Command, Sir,

Your most Faithful Humble Servant,

Henry Guy.



Kirk-House, *March* - 82.

S I R,

**T**Hough I do not Answer all your Billets,  
I do not omit to Serve you in what I can.  
My Lord of Bath and I Spoke together to my  
Lord Chamberlain; to whom since I have  
also delivered your Petition, and the Relati-  
on annex'd. You should do well to enquire by  
somebody, what his Lordship hath done upon it.

Here goes a Letter to the Warden of the  
Fleet, as you desired: I pity your Condition,  
and wish I could Contribute better to your Ease;  
as, Sir,

Your Humble Servant,

Henry Bennet.

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A Copy of the Earl of Burlington's Letter to Sir Robert Walsh,  
November the 5th. 1682.

SIR,

I Have Perused your Petition, and do know a great Part of the Allegations herein contained, to be very true; and do not doubt, but the rest (to which I am a Stranger) are likewise so: I cannot promise that any Application that I can make to my Lord Hyde, in Relation to matters of the Treasury, will have any Success, since he governs himself by Rules in all those things, from which he swerves not at the mediation of any Person: but the Justice of your Cause, will, I assure myself, be taken into Consideration by him and his Partners, of which I no way doubt; and Remain

Your very Humble Servant,

Burlington.

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I say it not a Robbery, the Extortion made upon my Estate, which hath forced upon me all kind of Misery: Yet may I not say, That His Most Royal Majesty of Blessed Memory, His Letters, Orders, Will and Pleasures, so often declared, have not been observed? which out of doubt, His now Blessed Majesty, who happily doth Reign, will Remedy Sir Robert's pain.

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*This and more, which I may say,  
I will Justifie to the World, and at Dooms-Day.  
If in the Usurper's Time I had lost all my All,  
The loss I would not have valued at a Straw.*

All that in my Manifest is said, I will Justifie to the Face of any Whisperer, who Trades in Back-biting.

Sir Robert Walsh.

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